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(C) In response to Ref A, PolChief on March 27 informed MFA Americas Desk Officer Nikos Panayi that the U.S. had concluded its Afghanistan and Pakistan strategic reviews and encouraged Cyprus to support related deliverables for the April 5 U.S.-EU Summit in Prague. Panayi replied that the need to "get Afghanistan right" was becoming an ever-higher priority for the EU -- and for Cyprus. The RoC had lobbied hard for an invite to the March 31 conference on Afghanistan in The Hague and intended to send MFA Permanent Secretary Nicholas Emiliou to lead its delegation. Panayi had recommended that Cyprus commit to making an (unspecified) financial pledge for Afghanistan, and Emiliou had agreed in principle. Regarding Pakistan, Cyprus generally supported the U.S. position that the EU should intensify political and economic support for Islamabad's democratically-elected government. The Embassy intends on March 30 to deliver the "White Paper of the Interagency Policy Group's Report on U.S. Policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan" (Ref B) to higher-level MFA officials and will report an reactions septel.  
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